

Colonel Charles B. Dockery Day

Presented by Councilmember Chris Cate

June 30, 2021

WHEREAS, Colonel Charles B. Dockery is a native of Lockport, New York, and commissioned into the Marine Corps from the United States Naval Academy with a B.S. in General Engineering in May 1994 as a Second Lieutenant; **AND**

WHEREAS, Colonel Dockery reported to VMFA (AW)-121 at MCAS Miramar, San Diego, CA in September 1997, and completed deployments to the Western Pacific and Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, before reporting to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines where he served as the Air Officer; **AND**

WHEREAS, Colonel Dockery returned to the "Green Knights" at MCAS Miramar in December 2001, he deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM, before returning to WestPac; **AND**

WHEREAS, From December 2005 to December 2008, Colonel Dockery attended the Australian Command and Staff College, followed by an exchange tour at the Australian Army Experimental Framework. Upon returning to Marine Aircraft Group 11, he deployed to the Combined Air and Space Operations Center at al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, before assuming the duties of MAG-11 Operations Officer from July 2009 to April 2010. He then served as the Staff Secretary, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing until June 2011; **AND**

WHEREAS, Colonel Dockery then reported to Headquarters Marine Corps, Aviation, where he served as the RQ-21 and ISR Services Requirements Officer. In July 2012, he reported back to MAG-11 and assumed command of VMFA (AW)-225 in February 2013. Colonel Dockery led the "Vikings" on a deployment to Bahrain where they conducted operational reconnaissance missions in support of CENTCOM, while participating in theater security events throughout the Middle East. Colonel Dockery relinquished command in June 2014; **AND**

WHEREAS, Colonel Dockery reported to the Joint Staff J-35, Deputy Directorate for Regional Operations in Norfolk, VA in July 2015. While there he served as the Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Joint Working Group Lead, and then as the Branch Chief, Future Sourcing Branch, within the Joint Force Coordination Division. He departed the Joint Staff in June 2017 and reported to Headquarters, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, where he served as the Chief of Staff until returning to MCAS Miramar to assume command; **AND**

WHEREAS, Colonel Dockery served as the Commanding Officer for Marine Corps Air Station Miramar from July 2018 until July 2021. As Commanding Officer of MCAS Miramar, he served the busiest air station in the Marine Corps with over 200,000 flight operations, the completion of the first F-35 hangar, led the installation in support of two federal quarantines in the fight against COVID-19, and led MCAS Miramar as the most advanced energy resilient installation in the Marine Corps; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and the City Council, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim **June 30, 2021** to be "**Colonel Charles B. Dockery Day**" in the City of San Diego.